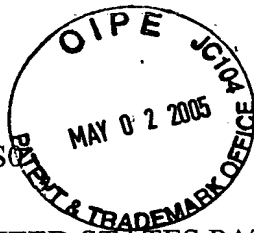


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SIR:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated April 26, 2005,
attached is a copy of the response filed March 4, 2005, with the status of Claim 16 identified
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 14, 2004, please amend the application identified above as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.